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Application No.: 09/455,486

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Examiner: Gary B. Nickol, Ph. D.

For: NOVEL SERPENTINE TRANSMEMBRANE  
ANTIGENS EXPRESSED IN HUMAN  
CANCERS AND USES THEREOF

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1642**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 29 January 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 29 April 2003. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 29 July 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee.

Applicants greatly appreciate the thoughtful consideration shown their undersigned representative and patent counsel for assignee in an interview on 3 March 2003. The willingness of the Examiner to explain his position and to consider the positions voiced by representatives of the assignee is much appreciated. In the time between the interview and the present response the applicants have compiled the attached declaratory evidence in response to the outstanding action.

Although this is the first Office action to issue following a Request for Continued Examination, the rejection was made final. All of the pending claims, claims 1 and 44-48 were

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